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PEACE TERMS

Russian Emperor Willing for Peace.

DEPENDS UPON TERMS

Czar Appreciates the Friendly Offices of Roosevelt As Mediator.

ARE NOW WAITING FOR JAPAN

Japanese Minister Expresses Hope that Mikado Will Meet the President Half Way and that Satisfactory Terms Can be Agreed upon by Both Nations.

Washington, June 8.—The czar has at last been heard from here and the result is not unfavorable to peace. In a recent audience with Ambassador Meyers, the czar indicated his willingness to take under advisement the subject of peace and expressed a warm appreciation of Ambassador Meyer's friendly words speaking as the personal envoy of President Roosevelt.

Mr Meyer's reception was characterized by the greatest cordiality and friendliness and the ambassador's cablegram to President Roosevelt giving a general account of the audience is of a distinctly hopeful tenor. Ambassador Meyer did not bring to St. Petersburg government an offer of mediation, but a friendly offer of good will, as described by Count Cassini. Further than this it is impossible to record the character of the cablegram.

Takihira, the Japanese minister, called by appointment at the White House this afternoon and spent half an hour with the president. He was still unable to give the president the slightest indication regarding the Japanese peace terms, but believed he was acquainted in a general way with the hopeful tone of Meyer's dispatch and with this as a lever the hope is expressed here that the Mikado will meet the president half way in the earnest efforts he is making to assist in bringing about early peace.

It is not expected that the situation will change radically in the next day or two. Until some indications come from Japan of her attitude in the light of the spirit shown by the czar, negotiations can hardly be expected to progress. Meanwhile, a powerful, though friendly influence is being brought to bear upon Japan to be moderate in her demands. The Russian ambassador has not yet made any appointment with the president and it is impossible to obtain any information regarding the cablegrams that have reached the embassy from St. Petersburg during the last 24 hours.

RUSSIAN LOSSES.

Estimates Place Losses at 14,000 and Captured at 4,000.

London, June 8.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says there were ladies on board the hospital ships captured by the Japanese including Vive Admiral Rojstvensky's niece, who asked permission to nurse her uncle.

The correspondent says that the total Russian casualties in the naval battle were 14,000 perished and 4,000 captured, while 3,000 escaped. He adds that a large percentage of the prisoners are suffering from disease.

MINERS' CONVENTION.

Annual Meeting of the Western Federation of Miners.

Salt Lake, June 8.—The annual convention of the Western Federation of

Miners came to an end today. The convention voted to continue the permanent headquarters at Denver and to hold its next annual convention in Denver in June next, President Charles H. Moyer and Secretary W. D. Haywood were re-elected by a unanimous vote. The old executive committee were retained in office.

Committed Suicide.

Vancouver Barracks, June 8.—The body of Private Corbett Stott, company H, Fourteenth infantry, was found today hanging to the limb of a tree near the officers' quarters. On his person was found \$67.50 in money and a check payable to himself for \$125.00. Stott recently re-enlisted for the 17th infantry. The cause of the suicide is unknown.

Shooting Scrape.

Spokane, June 8.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from North Yakama says:

Joseph Whitley, a negro, shot Charles Curtis, a white man, at Toppenish today. The negro fired five shots and Curtis was instantly killed. The cause of the quarrel is unknown. Whitley fled after the shooting but a posse captured him. He is now in jail at this place.

Umbria Floated

Vancouver, June 8.—The Italian cruiser Umbria, now visiting British Columbia waters, arrived here today. She ran aground while entering the harbor but got off at high tide, apparently none the worse for the mishap.

SWEDEN--NORWAY

Looking for a Successor to King Oscar on Throne.

PRINCE CHARLES IS NAMED

Considered Doubtful if He Will Accept and King Oscar Has Made no Declaration but Believed He Can Be Induced to Reverse His Decision.

Copenhagen, June 8.—The Norwegian government, in view of King Oscar's definite refusal to consider the offer of a place to a prince of the house of Bernadotte on the throne, was privately approached by the Danish royal family to ascertain if an offer for the throne be received by the members of it, preferably Prince Charles, son of the Crown Prince Frederick.

The general opinion is expressed here is that such an offer will be refused. According to the reports from Stockholm, King Oscar may be induced to reverse his decision and favorably regard the offer of the throne for a member of his house. Leading Swedish politicians are much divided over the question, which it is understood will not be definitely settled prior to the extraordinary session.

Authoritative information received from Norwegian circles which represents a majority of the Norwegians opposed to giving the throne to a prince of the house of Bernadotte, stated that if King Oscar definitely refused the throne for a member of his family, and if the Danish royal family likewise refused to place one of its princes on it, Norway would become a republic. Ovation in honor of King Oscar continue at Stockholm, where there is a firm determination not to recognize the action as definitely achieving dissolution of the union. Crown Prince Gustave passed through Copenhagen tonight on his way to Stockholm from Berlin. He appears much concerned over the situation. The Associated Press learns that Gustave had a long interview on the crisis with Emperor William before he left Berlin and understood that the emperor was not unwilling to interfere in favor of the Swedish dynasty. Authority intimately connected with the emperor confirms the rumor that he has abandoned his trip to Norway at the request of Crown Prince Gustave. The general opinion is that the crown prince is more reconcilable to Norway's dissolution than is his father and there is no doubt that he induced King Oscar to veto the consular bill.

BURNED IN FIRE

Overland Hotel at Myrtle Creek Destroyed.

HATTIE DEMENT DEAD

Several of the Guests Burned and More or Less Injured By Fire.

CAUSED BY INCENDIARISM

Many People Jump From the Building Losing all Their Effects—the Flames Spreading With Great Rapidity and Quickly Consumed the Structure

Roseburg, June 8.—The Overland hotel at Myrtle creek was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Miss Hattie Dement, one of the proprietors, was burned to death and several other persons were more or less burned or injured, and a number of others narrowly escaped with their lives by jumping from the burning building, leaving their effects to the flames.

The origin of the fire can not be learned, although from statements of the night clerk and other employees that there were no lights in the hotel, the belief is growing that it was of incendiary origin. The hotel consisted of an old building and an annex. The flames spread with remarkable rapidity, many of the occupants being compelled to jump from the windows for safety. Miss Dement, the young woman who lost her life, died in bed. The property was valued at \$12,000. It has not been learned whether there was any insurance.

EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION.

Philadelphia Editor Springs Politics—Creates Sensation.

Guthrie, Okla., June 8.—The action of James A. Benn, city editor of the Philadelphia North American, injected state politics into his address before the National Editorial Association today which caused a fight in the Pennsylvania delegation which may be carried before the association tomorrow. The subject of Benn's address was "Muzzles in Pennsylvania."

His attacks were directed against the late Senator Quay and his biographer, Governor Pennypacker. His action took Quay's friends in the convention completely by surprise. Tonight Quay's friends assert that they will present resolutions tomorrow condemning Benn's course. Among other speakers was J. W. Carr, of Anderson, Ind.

ROOSEVELT APPOINTMENTS

Will Be the Guest of Several Educational Institutions.

Boston, June 8.—President Roosevelt's two visits to Massachusetts this month will be taken up by college commencements. On Wednesday, June 21, he will attend the exercises at Clark college and Holy Cross college.

On Thursday, June 22, the president will attend the commencement exercises at Williams college returning immediately to Oyster Bay.

On Thursday, June 27, he will arrive at Cambridge the guest of Bishop Lawrence and will participate in the celebration in the 25th anniversary of the class of '80. President Roosevelt will take part in the Harvard commencement exercises on June 28.

LEPER EPIDEMIC.

Marine Hospital Service Will Make an Investigation.

Honolulu, June 8.—Surgeon General

Wyman, of the bureau of public health and the marine hospital service and Gov. Carter will sail next Friday for the Molokai leper settlement where Mr. Wyman will investigate the conditions prevailing there and select a site, one mile square, for the federal station which is to be established at the station under an act of the last congress.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

Government Will Run Expedition in Interest of Science.

New York, June 8.—Rear Admiral C. N. Chester, superintendent of the naval observatory, today hoisted his flag on the cruiser Minneapolis, which, with the gunboat Diale, and the collier Caesar, will sail in a few days with the expedition which is to observe the eclipse of the sun on August 29 and 30 for the government.

Stations will be established at Bona, Algeria, and Valencia, Spain. One of these will be in charge of Captain John A. Morris, and the other of Professor Bigelow, of the weather bureau.

ANOTHER TRAIN WRECK.

Through Train on Grand Trunk Wrecked Near Davidson.

Flint, Mich., June 8.—The through train on the Grand Trunk railroad bound for Chicago from the east was wrecked near Davidson today by the spreading of the rails. No one was killed but several passengers were injured.

DROWNING ACCIDENT

James Castello Drowned Off the Mouth of Coquille River.

GASOLINE LAUNCH WRECKED

As Launch Was Crossing Coquille Bay the Heavy Seas Apparently Disabled the Engine and Carried the Frail Craft Onto the Rocks of Jetty

Marshfield, June 8.—James Castello, a pioneer of Coos county whose home is at Bandon, and William Harris, a young man living at Port Orford, were drowned by the wrecking of a gasoline launch today while going to sea fishing on the grounds off the mouth of the Coquille river.

As the launch was crossing Coquille Bay the heavy seas apparently disabled the engine and carried the frail craft out to the rocks of the south jetty. The life saving crew endeavored to reach the unfortunates but before they could get to the place the launch was ground to pieces and Castello was beaten to death on the rocks Harris' body was not found.

Made Fast Time.

Pittsburg, June 8.—Four hundred and sixty-eight miles between Chicago and Pittsburg over the Pennsylvania lines covered in 440 minutes today by a special train. It was a counterpart of the Pennsylvania special, the new 18-hour train between Chicago and New York.

Philippine Policy

Paris, June 8.—M. Lamothe, minister resident in Cambodia, today addressed the Colonial Society upon the subject of the American policy in the Philippines. He dwelt upon the excellent civil administration and the wide spread education of the natives.

Grand Rapids Flood.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 8.—Reports from the flooded basin of the Grand river north of this city indicate that the worst is over. The river is beginning to fall rapidly.

Baseball Scores.

Tacoma—Seattle 2, Tacoma 5. San Francisco—Oakland 0, San Francisco 1. Los Angeles—Portland 9, Los Angeles 4.

WILL CONTEST

Seven Million Dollars Involved.

A CALIFORNIA WIDOW

Willed her Millions to Her Only Child but Will Mysteriously Disappears.

ANOTHER ATTORNEY GRAFT

Majority of Contested Wills are From California Millionaires Where Illegitimacy is Paramount to Legal Heirs for Benefit of Lawyers.

New York, June 8.—A will contest involving between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000, is said to be among the possibilities before the estate left by Mrs. Charity Hayward, of California, is settled. Mrs. Hayward, the widow of Alonzo Hayward, a multi-millionaire, died on June 1 at the home of her niece, Mrs. John S. Henry, in Newark, when attacked by pneumonia.

When the news of her death reached California her attorney telegraphed that Mrs. Hayward had made a will before leaving home in which her only child, Mrs. Emma Rose, of New York City, was the sole beneficiary.

It is now claimed that a new paper is in existence making great changes in the distribution of the estate. This will is said to have been drawn up the day before Mrs. Hayward died and it will be offered here for probate. Mrs. Emma Rose, the sole beneficiary under the California will, is the wife of Andrew W. Rose, a wealthy New Yorker.

LITHOGRAPHIC ARTISTS.

Annual Convention of Lithographers held New York.

New York, June 8.—A committee from the eastern branch of the Employing Lithographic Association has visited the annual convention of the Lithographic Artists, Engravers and Designers League of America, now in session here. Secretary Smith in addressing the convention on behalf of the Association recalled the fact that the league's members are the highest paid men in the business and declared that the employers' association is working to raise the industry to the highest standard and could be greatly helped by the co-operation of the workers.

"We are not fighting the labor organizations," he said, "and we want the men to realize that mutual government is best for both sides. As to apprentices, we want boys with a natural ability for it, as the best means of perfecting the industry and bringing lithography up to the highest standard."

The convention will end its sessions on Saturday.

MORTON'S POSITION.

Secretary Morton Appointed to an Important Position.

New York, June 8.—Secretary of the navy, Morton, who is to retire from the cabinet July 1, to become the head of the Metropolitan Subway Syndicate, has arrived here to make his first survey of the field of his future operations.

He will make an automobile tour over the routes of the underground lines which John B. McDonald, as chief contractor for the Metropolitan, expects to build. On his tour he will be accompanied by Mr. McDonald and other men interested in the syndicate.

Besides driving over the entire route through the Manhattan, Mr. Morton will make a tour of the Bronx, looking over the territory there which the proposed lines expect to develop and will endeavor

to get an idea of prospective connections with railroads and other lines. His investigations probably will consume several days.

APPARENT INDIFFERENCE.

Russian Defeat Does Not Effect Gayety in Russian Capital.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—According to a correspondent at Vladivostok the Russian naval disaster and the anticipated beginning of the siege of Vladivostok are in no way reflected in the attitude of the population. On the street there is the usual noise and bustle of the promenading crowds, while at night the circus, comic opera and dance halls are running at full blast. The correspondent closes his comment with saying: "What is it? Disconcern or indifference."

PEACE FEELING.

Most of the Great Nations Hope for Consummation of Peace.

Paris, June 8.—The report that Russia has taken steps to learn through her ambassadors Japan's peace terms further strengthens the hopeful view previously prevailing.

Official circles remain silent regarding further steps that may be taken. However, it was said that Ambassador Nelidoff will adopt discreet means of learning through the French authorities and the Japanese legation what basis of adjustment is possible.

RUSSIANS DEFEATED

Skirmishes in Manchuria Between Russians and Japanese.

WITH THE USUAL RESULTS

Russians Make an Attack on the Japanese, Are Repulsed, But Supposed to Be only a Reconnoitering Party Who Make Hasty Retreat.

Tokio, June 8, 1 P. M.—Imperial army headquarters made the following announcement today:

"At 11:30 o'clock on the morning of June 7 a body of Russians some 160 strong advanced from the direction of Sumiatso, about a mile and a quarter east of Yinyipienmen, but were met and repulsed by us on an eminence lying north of that place. The enemy fled in confusion toward Nienyingling, several miles northeast of Yinyipienmen."

"One soldier and two saddle horses were captured."

"With the exception of skirmishes between scouts on both sides there is no change to report elsewhere."

SOLID GOLD BRICK.

Sensational Suit Brought Against California Millionaire.

Chicago, June 8.—The Great Western Gold Company, of California, with headquarters at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has brought suit against the estate of the late Peter L. Kimberly, the millionaire, who died suddenly in this city last Sunday morning.

In the declaration the assertion is made that by entering into a conspiracy with former officers of the gold company Kimberly sold to the Great Western Gold Company for \$2,000,000 property worth not more than \$500,000.

WILL DISAPPEARS.

Property Valued at \$350,000 Probably the Cause.

Boston, June 8.—The last will of the late J. Montgomery Sears, Boston's largest tax payer, which disposes of an estate of about \$25,000,000, has disappeared. Mr. Sears' attorney turned the document over to him several months ago.

Japanese Ships.

Manila, June 8.—Two Japanese ships have just passed the entrance to Lingayen Gulf and are speeding southward.